(c) the target for disinvestment fixed for the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The targets for mobilisation of resources through disinvestments during 1995-96 and 1996-97 were Rs. 7000 crores and Rs. 5000 crores respectively, whereas the realisations in these years were Rs. 168 crores and Rs. 379 crores. For 1997-98, the target has been fixed at Rs. 4800 crores. The shortfalls were due to a variety of factors, including market conditions.

Industrial growth in first two months of current fiscal year

2089. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the industrial growth in the first two months of current fiscal years;

(b) whether it is falling;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the steps Government are taking to stop the decline in the industrial growth?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As per the Quick Index of Industrial Production released by CSO, the industrial production recorded a growth of 9.8 per cent in April, 1997 as compared to 8.1 per cent in April, 1996. The index for May 1997 is under compilation by C.S.O.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Industrial growth is continuously monitored and necessary initiatives are taken from time to time to keep up the

Consultancy and infrastructural facilities in Maharashtra

2090. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing consultancy and infrastructural facilities in Maharashtra to develop SSI sector in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these steps of Government have increased the number of SSI units in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) other measures being taken by Government to develop SSI sector in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Central Government besides setting out the policy framework for promotion and development of small scale industries also supplements efforts of State Government by rendering certain support services by way of conultancy, technical services, creation of infrastructure, training and entrepreneurship development etc.

(c) to (e) There are two Small Industries Services Institutes in Maharashtra located at Mumbai & Nagpur which provide training, technical consultancy and other services to the existing and prospective entrepreneurs in the region. The Institute for Design of Electrical Measuring Instruments, Mumbai renders service to the instrument industry to meet their requirement of design and testing of electrical instruments. Assistance has been provided for setting up a Sub-Contracting Exchange through Non-Governmental Organisation in Maharashtra State. One Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre was also sanctioned by Government of India in September, 1994 in Yeotmal district under the scheme of Integrated Infrastructural Development. Further National Small Indu-ri-